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Sir:

Enclosed for filing is a complete patent application, entitled "LATCH APPARATUS AND METHOD" invented by:

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Specification including Claims - 63 pages
Abstract of the Disclosure
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This application claims the benefit of prior filed co-pending provisional patent application number 60/260,420 filed on January 9, 2001.

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